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PARKING, AND REPLACING A SYRINGE  
TIPCAP FROM A SYRINGE

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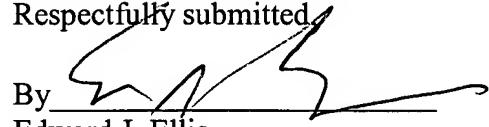
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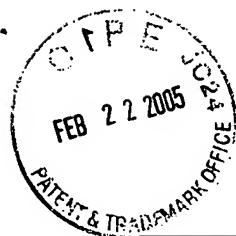
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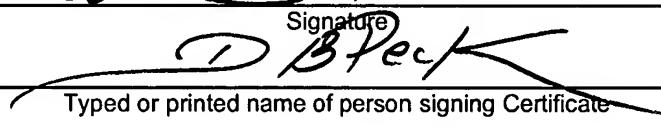
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